

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
SEWER COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Robert Riith, Chair; Peter Van Winkle; Bill Doughman

**ABSENT:** Anne Shaw, Rocco Genovese.

**STAFF:** Robert Steeger, Director of Public Works;  
Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works

**OTHER:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Riith called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –  
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2009**

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2009 AS AMENDED.**

The changes to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2009 are as follows:

On page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, the 10<sup>th</sup> sentence should read: “The sewer cannot be accessed directly because the house doesn’t front on Raymond Street.”

On page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, the 11<sup>th</sup> sentence should read: “Mr. Riith said if the potential homeowner gets an easement on the sewer from the property owner of 52 Raymond Street, then we would give the go-ahead for the lateral.”

On page 2, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, the last sentence should read: “Mr. Riith confirmed that an easement width of 15 feet would be a necessary minimum.”

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION (ATTACHMENT)  
35 INTERVALE ROAD – COMPENSATION FOR SEWER BACK UP**

Mr. Steeger said he discussed the situation again with people who were at the scene, and their account of the situation has not changed. It was agreed that the Commission would not reimburse the homeowner for compensation for sewer back-up.

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO DENY THE HOMEOWNER'S REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON THE FACTS PRESENTED.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 2010 DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION SCHEDULE**

Darien Sewer Commission 2010 Meeting Schedule; January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 – meeting in room 119, October 5 November 9 – meeting in room 119, December 7. Note: All meetings commence at 4:30 p.m. in room 206 of Darien Town Hall (unless otherwise noted).

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2010 DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION SCHEDULE.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Current slate is: Robert Riith, Chairman; Anne Shaw, Vice Chairman; William Doughman, Clerk.

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Steeger provided a copy of the budget recap. He said the goal in the upcoming year's budget is to maintain what they have. He said the Sewer Reserve Fund is

deteriorating, therefore they are reluctant to take on large projects until they can renegotiate the contract with the City of Stamford.

He went on to review more budget information. He mentioned that operating costs are down considerably.

Mr. Steeger said they would continue to hold off on the Stony Brook project. He said they have three projects coming up that have to be done: The 5 Mile River force main project, the West Avenue storm drain project, and the Stony Brook force main project.

Mr. Steeger said that he would recommend to the commission a 10% increase in sewer service charges, effective 2010. He said the fees haven't been raised in 3 years.

Mr. Steeger said the 5 Mile River force main project is moving along. He said the consultant, Stearns and Wheler, is working on an estimate and some other items. All necessary approvals from the regulatory boards have been received.

The Goodwives River project is proceeding slowly. He said the RTM will be voting on the acquisition of the Tweedy property on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

He said there was a pump failure at the Old Kings Highway South pump station, which resulted in one being replaced and one being rebuilt.

Mr. Steeger said the Westmere deposition dates never came to pass, so there is no change in the status.

Mr. Steeger said there is nothing new regarding West Avenue. The survey was done and the results were provided.

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES (ATTACHMENT)**

**Curtis, Brinkerhoff & Barrett, P.C.**

<b>Goodwives River Road Sewer Extension</b>	<b><u>\$850.00</u></b>
	<b>\$850.00</b>

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00 TO CURTIS, BRINKERHOFF & BARRETT, P.C. FOR WORK RELATED TO THE GOODWIVES RIVER ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF DEWBERRY INVOICE PAYMENT.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES (ATTACHMENT)**

**Dewberry**

**Goodwives River Road Sanitary Sewer Project    \$3,188.50**

**\$3,188.50**

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,188.50 TO DEWBERRY FOR WORK RELATED TO THE GOODWIVES RIVER ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Steeger asked if anyone had changes to the Sanitary Sewer Regulations. It was mentioned that a public hearing will be held to coincide with the meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr  
Telesco Secretarial Services